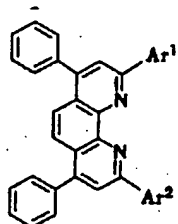


IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A bathophenanthroline compound for use as~~ An organic EL device comprising:

an organic layer having a luminescent region provided between an anode and a cathode, wherein the organic layer comprises a bathophenanthroline compound of formula :



wherein Ar¹ and Ar² may be the same or different and independently represent an aryl group but do not form an interlocking macrocyclic compound.

14. (Previously presented) The bathophenanthroline compound according to claim 13 wherein Ar¹ and Ar² are selected from the group consisting of a 1-naphthyl group, a 2-anthryl group, a 9-anthryl group, a 2-fluorenyl group, a 4-quinolyl group, a pyridyl group, a 3-pyridynyl group, a 2-pyridynyl group, a 3-furyl group, a 2-furyl group, a 3-thienyl group, a 2-oxazolyl group, a 2-thiazolyl group, a 2-benzoxazolyl group, a 2-benzothiazolyl group, a 2-benzoimidazolyl group, a 4-methylphenyl group, a 3-methylphenyl group, a 2-methylphenyl group, a n,n-dimethylphenyl group, a n,n,n-trimethylphenyl group, a n-ethylphenyl group, a n,n-diethylphenyl group, a n,n,n-triethylphenyl group, a 4-n-propylphenyl group, a n-isopropylphenyl group, a 4-n-butylphenyl group, a 4-isobutylphenyl group, a 4-sec-butylphenyl group, a n-tert-butylphenyl group.